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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8711

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2020

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS CASC ET

SUBJ: TENNECO FOUR

REF: BEIRUT 10505

1. AT 0930 HOURS SEPTEMBER 2, BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER SHOWED EMBOFF TELEGRAM SENT FROM BRITISH EMBASSY ADEN TO BEIRUT. INFO COPIES WERE SENT ADDIS ABABA, CAIRO AND KHARTOUM.

2. MESSAGE STATED THAT ONE OF CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE TENNECO HOSTAGES WAS RELEASE OF 74 ELF PRISONERS HELD BY ETHIOPIAN GOVT. MESSAGE THEN CONCLUDED WITH SAME STATEMENT REFTEL THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE THAT TENNECO PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED ON 1 SEPTEMBER, THE DAY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION AND THAT THE CODE WORD MOUNT EVEREST WAS TO BE PASSED TO BURGHER AND WILSON IN BEIRUT.

3. SINCE SALAH DID PASS CODE WORD FOR RELEASE OF TENNECO CAPTIVES, WE ASSUME THAT QUTOTE: CONDITION THAT 74 ELF PRISONERS BE RELEASED UNQUOTE IS INTENDED FOR PUBLIC  
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CONSUMPTION RATHER THAN AN ACTUAL PREREQUISITE TO THE

RELEASE OF TENNECO HOSTAGES. BURGHER AND WILSON ARE BEST  
PLACED TO CLEAR THIS UP.

4. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, ONE OF TENNECO CAPTIVES IS  
CANADIAN. THE CAIRO CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IS ACCREDITED TO  
SUDAN AND HAS RECENTLY ASKED THE BRITISH EMBASSY KHARTOUM  
FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS TENNECO CASE. THE CANADIAN  
AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS HAS ALSO BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED. ASSUME,  
THEREFORE, THAT CONTENTS BRITISH TELEGRAM FROM ADEN WILL  
BE GIVEN BOTH CANADIAN AMBASSADORS WHICH WILL CUASE  
CONFUSION AND UNDUE PESSIMISM.

5. SUGGEST BEIRUT MAY WISH TO SEND EXPLANATION TO ADDIS  
ABABA AND CAIRO FOR PASSAGE TO CANADIAN REPS.  
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